

(d) the measures being taken to increase the production of steel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The production of finished steel in the country during the last three years was as below:

Year	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Production	23.82	26.71	29.70

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Docs not arise.

(d) Government have taken several steps to increase the production of steel, such as modernisation and expansion of public sector steel plants, adoption of various policy measures to encourage creation of additional steel production capacity in the private sector. Indian Steel Producers have also been taking continuous steps to meet the domestic requirements of steel including up-gradation of technology, improvement in productivity and yields, improvement in quality of products and adoption of the product-mix to suit the requirements of the consumers.

Facilities for Treatment of Cancer in Gujarat

*537. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons suffering from cancer in Gujarat;
- (b) the particulars of Government and non-Government hospitals available for treatment there;
- (c) whether these hospitals are equipped with all kinds of instruments to diagnose the exact symptoms of cancer;
- (d) if not, to which hospital the patients are referred to; and
- (e) the action taken by Government on the representation submitted by Navjivan Cancer Seva Mandal, Rajkot on 16th October, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) as per the population based Registry run by Gujarat Cancer and Research Institute, Ahmedabad, a Regional Cancer Centre recognised by this Ministry, crude incidence rate of Cancer is 78.10 per lakh males and 62.90 per lakh for females.

(b) to (d) The following institutions are having cancer treatment facilities in the State of Gujarat:—

- (i) Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute, New Civil Hospital Compound, Asarwa, Ahmedabad.
- (ii) M.P. Shah College & Irwin Group of Hospitals, Jamnagar.
- (Hi) S.G. Hospital, Baroda, Gujarat.
- (iv) Lions Cancer Detection Centre Trust, New Civil Hospital Campus, Majura Gate, Surat.
- (v) Dalichand Nanchand Shah Cancer Institute, K.D.N. Gohil Hospital, Dudhia Talao, Nansari.
- (vi) Rajkot Cancer Society, Shri N. P. Cancer Rajya Road, Rajkot.

Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute, Ahmedabad has mammograms, C.T. Sacan, Ultrasound & X-Ray machines and has a well equipped pathology department and Department of Nuclear Medicine equipped with Gamma Camera and Cell Biology Department.

(e) Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute, Ahmedabad has informed that they had recommended to the State Government for giving full facilities and recognise all patients suffering from Cancer having physical limitations, to be given full facilities as handicapped persons.

Dismantling of DPCO

*538. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's proposal to dismantle the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO) has evoked sharp criticism and apprehension